



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

June 14, 2000

S. 2478

Peopling of America Theme Study Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 7, 2000*

S. 2478 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on how the United States was populated, including the settlement and migration to and within the United States and its territories. The legislation would require the Secretary to identify and designate new national historic landmarks.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend up to \$300,000 over the next three years to conduct the study and enter into cooperative agreements with local governments and other entities. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2478 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Deborah Reis and Ali Aslam. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.